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The management of these changes often becomes burdensome.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 22, as follows:

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5   Generally, a method and apparatus are disclosed for providing persistent access to Web resources. According to an aspect of the invention, the Uniform Resource Locators that identify Web resources are optionally augmented to include a time stamp. The time stamp can be specified in the Uniform Resource Locator in any suitable format. In addition, variable time stamps can be utilized in accordance with the present invention to

10   indicate a number of different dates, such as a date range or a recurring period of time. According to one aspect of the invention, wildcard characters and date ranges can be used in the variable time-stamp to implement a variable time stamp when a user is not sure of the date for a specific web resource or wishes to specify more than one precise date and time. The present invention allows the Web to be an organized and reliable reference source, much

15   like paper-based media.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 3, as follows:

        FIG. 1 illustrates a Web browser 100 in accordance with the present

20   invention, that accesses information from one or more persistent Web servers 140, 150 over

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the Internet or World Wide Web environment 130. The present invention provides persistent access to Web resources or electronic documents, including textual, audio, video or animation documents. According to a feature of the present invention, the Uniform Resource Locators that identify Web resources are augmented to include a time stamp. The Web

25   browser 100 and persistent Web servers 140, 150 accommodate the additional time stamp parameter and allow a user to refer to any Web address with a precise target date. For example, the URL "http://cnn.com?time=2+2+1997" specifies the Web contents of the CNN home page on February 2, 1997. In this manner, the Web can be an organized and reliable reference source, much like paper-based media.

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